Andhra Pradesh for education purposes; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and what action has been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Retail price of sugar

488. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sugar in Delhi is being sold at Rs. 8 per Kg. in the open market and Rs. 10 in the rural markets in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the faulty release of free and controlled sugar by the Central Government and the maldistribution of sugar by the public distribution system in several States is responsible for the high rise and non-availability of sugar in the market; and

(c) if so, what measures Government have taken to check the high rise in sugar price and to strengthen the public distribution system in the various States?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) No official report has been received that sugar is being sold at Rs. 10 per Kg. in open market in rural areas. However, in Delhi the retail prices in the open market had ranged from Rs. 7 per Kg. to Rs. 7.80 per Kg. (upto 18-7-85). Substantial quantities of imported sugar have been made available to the public of Delhi at Rs. 5.70 per Kg. (loose) and Rs. 5.85 per Kg. (polypack) by agencies like Super bazar, Cooperative stores etc.

(b) Government had finalised a scheme for meeting the open market sugar requirements which had come into effect from June, 1985. In addition to the indigenously produced sugar released for meeting open market requirements, a certain quantity of imported sugar was to be lifted by the State Govts. and the Food Corporation of India for eventual sale to the consumers at a price less than Rs. 6 per Kg. Certain infrastructure deficiencies and logistic problems had led to reduced offtake by the States and Food Corporation of India initially. However, these problems have been sorted out leading to more offtake by the States and the Food Corporation of India in the month of July, 1985. With this streamlining it is expected that availability would improve as programmed resulting in reasonable prices to the consumers.

(c) Government have programmed to import about 10 lakh tonnes of sugar before September 1985 so that the same could be made available at a price of less than Rs. 6 per Kg. to the consummers. Major portion of this imported sugar is being allocated to the State Governments for distribution through controlled channels in the open market while the Food Corporation of India woud auction about 50,000 tonnes in the open market from the month of July '85 onwards. The open market releases for the months of June and July have been maintained at 3.75 lakh tonnes each and for August an additional *ad hoc* supplemental levy quota of 50,000 tonnes has been announced besides a levy-free release of 3.50 lakh tonnes. These high releases are expected to reduce the pressure on sugar prices. The issue and distribution of levy sugar at 3.13 lakh tonnes a month continues unchanged. It will be observed that the arrangements for distribution of levy and open market sugar are taking place in a regulated manner.

State Governments have been advised to ensure that wholesale dealers observe the statutory provisions relating to stockholding limits, turn-over of stocks in a period of 10 days etc. Suitable action is also being taken for ensuring that the sugar factories observe instructions relat-

ing to sales and despatches of freesale sugar in accordance with statutory requirements. It is expected that with the above measures as well as regular releases of levy and freesale sugar for internal consumption, the prices of sugar would be maintained at reasonable levels.

Committees for the selection of sponsored serials and feature films

489. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint committees to select sponsored serials and feature films for the Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N GADGIL): (a) and (b) Committees are already constituted for selection of feature films and sponsored serials as per details indicated in the enclosed statement. (*See below*) The composition of the Central Committee for selection of film is, however, presently being reviewed to make it more based by associating non-officials also.

Statement

A. Hindi feature films:

Hindi feature films telecast by Doordarshan are scrutinised and selections made by a Central Committee consisting of the following:

1. Director General, Doordarshan —Chairman.

2. All Deputy Director Generals in Directorate General, Doordarshan.

3. All Controller of Programmes in Directorate General, Doordarshan.

4. Director (P & T), Directorate General, Doordarshan.

5. Director (Fin.), Directorate General, Doordarshan.

6. Deputy Secretary (Fin.), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

7. Deputy Secreatry (Films), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

8. Deputy Secretary (TV), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

9. Deputy Assistant Controller of Programmes, Directorate General, Doordarshan.

Any three members out of the above would form the quorum for the purpose of grading the film for payment, the the presence of Deputy Secretary (Fin.) would be necessary.

B. Regional feature films

Regional feature films telecast on Doordarshan are selected by the Regional Committees constituted at various Doordarshan Kendras. The composition of the Regional Selection Committee is as follows:

(1) Director of the TV Centre/ Deputy Director. .. Chairman/Alt. Chairman.

(2) Regional Officer (Film Censor Board). .. Member.

(3) Regional Officer (Films Divn.). .. Member.

(4) Deputy Principal Information officer Member.

(5) Station Director, All India Radio. .. Member.

(6) Asstt. Station Director, Doordarshan. .. Member-Secretary.

The Chairman will coopt two senior Officers from Doordarshan staff knowing the language of the Film(s).

"Wherever there is no office of Central Board of Film Certification or Films Division at a place where a Doordarshan Kendras is located, the Director of the Doordarshan Kendra concerned can nominate the Regional